

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

1. – 9. (Cancelled)

10. (Currently Amended) ~~The apparatus of claim 9~~ An apparatus for collecting a body fluid for testing for an analyte contained within said body fluid, said apparatus comprising:

a conduit having a first end for admitting a body fluid and transporting said body fluid from said first end to a discharge end of said conduit;

a reservoir for receiving and collecting a flow of body fluid from said discharge end of said conduit, wherein said reservoir is defined by a hollow hub having a bore having a diameter greater than a diameter of said conduit;

a test membrane; and

a test space positioned substantially perpendicularly to said conduit and between said test membrane and said reservoir, said test space configured to be in contact with said fluid after said fluid has accumulated within said reservoir to a transfer volume of fluid, wherein said test space is sized to wick said fluid from said reservoir when said fluid in said reservoir attains said transfer volume.

11. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 10 wherein said conduit is coaxially aligned within said bore.

12. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 10 wherein said hollow hub comprises a vent hole.

13. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 10 wherein said hollow hub comprises a hydrophobic material.

14. (Currently Amended) ~~The apparatus of claim 9 further comprising:~~ An apparatus for collecting a body fluid for testing for an analyte contained within said body fluid, said apparatus comprising:

a conduit having a first end for admitting a body fluid and transporting said body fluid

from said first end to a discharge end of said conduit;

a reservoir for receiving and collecting a flow of body fluid from said discharge end of said conduit;

a test membrane;

a test space positioned substantially perpendicularly to said conduit and between said test membrane and said reservoir, said test space configured to be in contact with said fluid after said fluid has accumulated within said reservoir to a transfer volume of fluid, wherein said test space is sized to wick said fluid from said reservoir when said fluid in said reservoir attains said transfer volume;

a porous material within said test space and overlying said test membrane.

15.-20. (Canceled)

21. (Currently Amended) ~~The apparatus of claim 20~~ An apparatus for collecting a body fluid for testing for an analyte contained within said body fluid, said apparatus comprising:

a conduit having a first end for admitting a body fluid and transporting said body fluid from said first end to a discharge end of said conduit;

a planar test body having a first surface and a second surface, wherein said planar test body comprises: a test space positioned relative to said reservoir to be in contact with said fluid after said fluid has accumulated within said reservoir to a transfer volume of fluid, wherein said test space is sized to wick said fluid from said reservoir when said fluid in said reservoir attains said transfer volume; and

a hub extending from said first surface and comprising a bore extending through said first surface, wherein said discharge end of said conduit is positioned coaxially within said bore wherein a reservoir is defined by said space within said bore not occupied by said discharge end of said conduit.

22. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 21 wherein said planar test body further comprises:

a test membrane positioned between said test space and said second surface; and

an opening in said second surface wherein said test membrane is exposed therethrough for testing said fluid.

23. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 21 wherein said planar test body further **comprises: a porous** material positioned within said test space.

24. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 21 wherein said planar test body further **comprises: a vent** hole for venting said test space.

25. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim ~~20~~ 21 wherein said planar test body further **comprises: components** for testing said fluid, said components selected from electrodes for electrochemical testing and optical components for optical testing.

26. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim ~~20~~ 21 wherein said hub extends substantially perpendicularly to said planar test body.

27. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim ~~20~~ 21 wherein said hub **comprises: a vent** hole for venting said reservoir.